

**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of the Meeting of September 24, 2013  
Council On Aging Building, 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Berta Bruinooge, John Morrissey, Dennis Murphy, Paul Pilcher; Town Administrator Harry Sarkis Terkanian.

**Regrets:** Jerry Houk.

Chair Berta Bruinooge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

***Announcements***

- Suzanne Grout Thomas announced that there would be a flu clinic held at the Council On Aging on October 29 and November 5, 2013 for Wellfleet residents 18 and over.
- Terkanian met with the Owner's Project Manager assigned by the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Wellfleet Elementary School Roof project. Jim Nowack, Assistant Director of Finance and Operations from the Nauset Regional School District, also attended the meeting.
- Fire Chief Rich Pauley announced that Fire Prevention Week was October 6-12, 2013 and the Fire Department had various activities planned including an open house on Sunday, October 6, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lessons on how to prevent kitchen fires.

**Appointments**

**Motion 14-0057:** Morrissey moved to appoint Jane Sharp to the Recycling Committee for a three year term ending 6/30/16. Murphy seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**Business**

**Taxation Aid Committee presentation**

Lisa Benson, chair of the Taxation Aid Committee, read a press release<sup>1</sup> announcing the launch of the Wellfleet Tax Assistance Program to benefit elderly and disabled members of the community. Benson also reviewed an insert<sup>2</sup> to be included in the upcoming tax bill that requests a donation to the Taxation Aid Fund. Benson asked for a \$150 donation to cover the cost of printing the tax inserts.

**Motion 14-0058:** Pilcher moved to support the Taxation Aid Committee press release, tax insert and \$150 donation from Town funds to pay for printing the tax insert. Morrissey seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**Update on Wellfleet Public Library addition**

Elaine McIlroy and Reatha Ciotti, chair of the Board of Library Trustees, reviewed plans to construct a 500 square foot wood frame addition to the west side of the Wellfleet Public Library<sup>3</sup>. The Nerber Room addition will house the local history collection and also serve as an additional reading room. Construction will be funded by a \$200,000 bequest from Martin Nerber. Trustees will fundraise any expenditure over the \$200,000 bequest. From the audience, Building Needs and Assessment chair Hugh Guilderson spoke to the average rate per square footage for public buildings. McIlroy asked the Administration for help in preparing the Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

**BOS approval of SAB letter to MA Division of Marine Fisheries**

The Shellfish Advisory Board (SAB) composed a letter to Paul Diodati, Director of the MA Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), to request the formation of a small working group with the DMF Horseshoe Crab Science Committee in Boston to collaborate on data collection and the study of horseshoe populations in Wellfleet waters. The SAB is asking the BOS to approve the correspondence.

**Motion 14-0058:** Pilcher moved to approve the letter from the Shellfish Advisory Board to the Division of Marine Fisheries regarding the formation of a working group to collaborate on horseshoe crab research in Wellfleet waters. Murphy seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**Discussion of parking charge at the Marina and Mayo Beach during OysterFest**

Terkanian said this was a preliminary discussion prior to holding a public hearing on October 8 to discuss charging parking fees at the Marina and Mayo Beach during OysterFest. The Marina would like to increase their charge from \$10 to \$15. The Shellfish Promotion and Tasting Board (SPAT) sent a memo<sup>4</sup> prior to the meeting requesting 100 spaces for their vendors at a \$5 charge. Morrissey suggested that a \$5 vendor fee might be feasible if SPAT agrees to donate \$1,000 to the Marina Enterprise Fund to make up for lost parking revenue. Terkanian and the Selectmen discussed the merits of charging for parking at Mayo Beach and concluded that businesses rely on the Mayo Beach parking lot and that staffing a paid lot could decrease gained revenue by up to half. From the audience, Recreation Director Becky Rosenberg said that the Mayo Beach lot was used as the gathering stage and start point for the annual OysterFest Road Race. SPAT is also requesting 12 extra handicap spaces at Mayo Beach. Morrissey and Murphy suggested offering SPAT a portion of the Wellfleet Elementary School Parking lot for additional handicap parking. From the audience, Suzanne Grout Thomas offered the COA parking lot as a viable alternative for extra handicap parking and a place for handicap van transportation to OysterFest. Pilcher said that there were many good ideas presented during tonight's discussion that can be raised at the public hearing on October 8.

**Request of Laura Kelly for statement in opposition to NSTAR right of way spraying**

Laura Kelly, founder of Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer (POCCA) and local resident Dr. Brian O'Malley asked the Selectmen to sign a resolution<sup>5</sup> asking NSTAR to "abandon its current plan to use herbicides along the rights-of-way on Cape Cod and commit to a no-spray, pesticide-free policy of vegetation management on Cape Cod and the Islands." Kelly said pesticides leach more quickly into the drinking water aquifer in the sandy soil of Cape Cod and Dr. O'Malley added that the herbicides being used are "poison" that have not been thoroughly tested for health effects.

**Motion 14-0059:** Murphy moved to approve and send the requested resolution to NSTAR from the Wellfleet Board of Selectmen. Morrissey seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**Continued discussion of possible license of Town property to Wellfleet Sea Salt**

Pilcher said that further discussion regarding the Wellfleet Sea Salt lease was a "moot point" this evening as the company is in negotiations with a private land-owner to secure a lease. Pilcher did ask Terkanian to identify Town-owned land in Wellfleet that might be leased for economic development purposes. From the audience, Michael Frazier said he would like to see the Selectmen give priority to leasing such land to Wellfleet residents who own businesses. Bruinooge concurred.

**Set date to submit comprehensive FY2015 budget to BOS and Finance Committee**

The Selectmen agreed on December 10, 2013 as the submission date for the comprehensive FY2015 budget to BOS and Finance Committee.

***Town Administrator's Report***

Town Administrator Harry Terkanian reviewed the Town Administrator's report<sup>6</sup>, which contained supplementary information on the following issues:

- In a greater move toward transparency in government, the BOS packets are now posted on the Town website.

***Future Concerns***

- Paul Pilcher would like to see a list of Town-owned property that may be used for economic development, and revisit the issues of signs on Town property and BOS Goals. He would like to see all three topics on a future agenda.

- Murphy would like to set up a time to speak with the Board of Water Commissioners and the Department of Public Works about water system construction efforts, specifically to discuss hiring appropriate DPW staff to assist with the process.
- Bruinooge would like to set parking regulations for Town Parking lots before budget season and asked Terkanian to speak with the pastors of the Methodist and Congregational Churches about employee parking. She would also like to get Police Chief Ron Fisetto involved with any parking enforcement needs.

### ***Correspondence and Vacancy Report***

John Morrissey had prepared the Correspondence Report<sup>7</sup>. A copy was made available for review.

### ***Minutes***

**Motion 14-0060:** Murphy moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013 BOS meeting as printed. Morrissey seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**Motion 14-0061:** Morrissey moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2013<sup>8</sup> BOS meeting as printed. Bruinooge seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

### ***Adjournment***

**Motion 14-0062:** Pilcher moved to adjourn the meeting. Murphy seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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<sup>1</sup> 2013-09-24 Taxation Aid Committee press release announcing Tax Assistance Fund

<sup>2</sup> 2013-09-24 Taxation Aid Committee tax insert requesting donations

<sup>3</sup> 2013-09-18 Memo: 'Nerber Room Addition to the Library' and detail from certified plot plan

<sup>4</sup> 2013-09-24 Email memo from Michele Insley: Re: Discussion on Marina/Mayo Beach parking charge during OysterFest

<sup>5</sup> 2013-09-24 BOS resolution to NSTAR regarding pesticide spraying of vegetation on power lines

<sup>6</sup> 2013-09-24 Harry Terkanian Town Administrator's Report

<sup>7</sup> 2013-09-24 Correspondence Report

<sup>8</sup> 2013-09-10 and 2013-09-17 Minutes